

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing (1 page) filed on April 19, 2002 with the substitute Sequence Listing (1 page) filed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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FIGURE 1 is a representation of derived data which characterizes a disease specific marker having a particular sequence (amino acid residues 2-17 of SEQ ID NO:1) useful in evidencing and categorizing at least one particular disease state[;]. Each patient listed in the data table shows the presence of the disease specific marker (amino acid residues 2-17 of SEQ ID NO:1) in their serum.

[ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph: ]

FIGURE 2 is the characteristic profile derived via SELDI/TOF MS of the disease specific marker of Figure 1. SEQ ID NO:1 is shown.

Please replace the paragraph (first amended on April 19, 2002 in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment) beginning at page 27, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker [having a sequence identified as] consisting of amino acid residues 2-17 of SEQ ID NO:1 was found. This marker is characterized as a [C3f] C3F fragment from the complement system having a molecular weight of about 1998 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in Figure 2. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of an individual suffering from Type II diabetes.

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